

Grant Grove Ranger Programs

August 11th – August 18th, 2014

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Sequoia and Kings Canyon
National Parks



Monday, August 11th

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

2:00 PM Big Tree Talk

Tuesday, August 12th

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

2:00 PM Big Tree Talk

Wednesday, August 13th

10:00 PM Grant Tree Walk

2:00 PM Big Tree Talk

7:30 PM Family Campfire

Thursday, August 14th

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

2:00 PM California Grizzly

Friday, August 15th

9:30 AM Fridays for Families

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

1:00 PM Nature Walk

2:00 PM Big Tree Talk

8:00 PM Evening Program

Smarter than Your Average Bear

Saturday, August 16th

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

2:00 PM Big Tree Talk

8:00 PM Evening Program:

Sequoia Secrets Revealed

9:00 PM Flashlight Hike

Sunday, August 17th

10:00 AM Back to Basics

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

1:00 PM Ranger in the Grove

8:00 PM Evening Program:

The Predator Dilemma

Monday, August 18th

10:00 AM Grant Tree Walk

1:00 PM Ranger in the Grove

Program Descriptions

Back to Basics: Wilderness Skills. Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. Learn valuable backpacking skills for ease and safety in our Wilderness with the help of a Sequoia naturalist. (SFI) 45 minutes

Big Tree Talk: Meet a ranger at the base of the General Grant Tree to find out what it takes to be one of the largest trees on earth. (NPS) 20 minutes

Nature Walk: Meet at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to discover the various kinds of critters in the Sierra Nevada. Binoculars provided. (NPS) ½ mile walk, 1 hour

California Grizzly: The grizzly bear disappeared from California in 1922, when the last one was shot right here in Tulare County. Meet Ranger Frank at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center to learn more about the history of this magnificent bear. 30 minutes

Evening Program: Join a ranger at the Sunset Campground Amphitheater for a slide show about the people, places and things that make Kings Canyon National Park so special. *Come 15 minutes early if turning in a completed Junior Ranger booklet.* (NPS) 1 hour

Family Campfire: Meet at the John Muir Lodge. Meet a Sequoia naturalist for an hour of stories behind the scenes of our National Park. Feel free to bring fixings for S'Mores. (SFI) 1 hour

Flashlight Hike: Join a Sequoia Naturalist to explore the world of nocturnal creatures. Meet at the John Muir Lodge lobby. (SFI) 1 hour

Fridays for Families: Meet at the John Muir Lodge registration desk. Join a Sequoia Naturalist to learn their tricks for spotting wildlife, how to distinguish conifers of the Sierra Nevada, and gain other insights and skills. (SFI) 1 hour

Grant Tree Walk: This easy walk through the sequoia grove is suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Learn about the giant sequoias and why people have been coming to Grant Grove for centuries. Meet in the Grant Tree parking lot. (NPS) 1 hour, ½ mile

Ranger in the Grove: How big? How old? What happens in a fire? Look for a ranger or volunteer naturalist on the Grant Tree Trail to have your giant sequoia questions answered. *Informal, ongoing, 1 ½ hours*

Saunter through the Sequoias: Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk beside one of America's great conservationists? Here's your chance! Meet at the Grant Tree Trailhead. (NPS) 1.5 miles, 2 hours

Whispers from Big Stump: Join a Ranger on a journey through the Big Stump Basin to learn about a vital and little-known chapter of California history. Meet at the *Kings Canyon Visitor Center* before driving to the trailhead. (NPS) 1 ½ hours, 1 mile, Moderate.

NPS-National Park Service Ranger SFI- Sequoia Field Institute Naturalist, a branch of Sequoia Natural History Association